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To Dr. Jane Henny,

I am writing to urge that the agency allow non-dairy beverages to be labeled "milk," and ask that they require milk from cows be labeled clearly as "cows milk". For years, the dairy industry has monopolized the term 'milk', and now it has filed a petition to prevent others, especially soymilk producers, from using the word 'milk'. Besides cow milk there is nut milk, coconut milk, rice milk and oat milk to name a few. The dairy industry should not be allowed to maintain its monopoly on the use of the word 'milk'.

Sincerely,

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